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Grade: 5 Reading

Theme Four Selection: 4

"Dear Mr. Henshaw"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. Leigh's story for the writing contest is about...

- a) the monarch butterfly
- b) lunchbox thieves
- c) riding with his dad who is trucking grapes
- d) a ten-foot wax man

2. Mrs. Badger thinks Leigh's writing is good because...

- a) he wrote about things he felt strongly about
- b) it is clever and funny
- c) he won an honorable mention award
- d) it is neatly written

3. "You wrote like you, and you didn't try to imitate someone else." Which word is a synonym for imitate?

- a) create
- b) help
- c) copy
- d) dream about

4. How do Leigh's feelings change while he is at the luncheon?

- a) he feels eager at first but leaves disappointed
- b) he feels talkative at first but then is embarrassed
- c) he feels too shy to speak at first but then asks Mrs. Badger many questions
- d) he feels self-confident at first but then unsure

5. "This was driving his mother crazy, so he finally had to disconnect it (the burglar alarm)." In which word below does "dis"-mean the same as in disconnect?

- a) dissent
- b) disrupt
- c) distant
- d) disregard

6. What sentence best describes Angela Badger?

- a) she is an honest woman
- b) she is a boring writer
- c) she likes to talk about herself
- d) she is a shy woman

7. With which of these statements would Angela Badger probably agree?

- a) Writers should write only imaginary stories
- b) Writers should write about things they feel strongly about.
- c) It is not a good idea to include many details in a story.
- d) Children's stories are not as interesting as stories written by adults

8. Leigh likes to write about things that happen to him. What does he like to write about?

- a) his experiences
- b) his relatives
- c) his mistakes
- d) his stories

9. Leigh writes details that tell about the time he rode in his father's truck. Which of the following is another word for details that tell about?

- a) an inspection
- b) a description
- c) a combination
- d) an equation

Open-ended Response

What does Leigh learn from his experience of entering a writing contest and having lunch with a real author? Use at least 5 details from the story to support your response. Base your response on Dear Mr. Henshaw.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	c	Main Idea	R5.A.1.5.1
2	a	Inference	R5.A.1.3.1
3	c	Synonym	R5.A.1.1.2
4	c	Plot	R5.B.1.1.1
5	d	Affix	R5.A.1.2.1
6	a	Supporting Details	R5.A.2.4.1
7	b	Inference	R5.A.1.3.1
8	a	Vocabulary	R5.A.1.1.1
9	b	Vocabulary	R5.A.1.1.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Paragraph demonstrates thorough understanding of the story with no errors in text, effectively answered the question using 5 or more details, and addresses all aspects of task effectively in a clear organized manner.

2 Points

Paragraph demonstrates an adequate understanding of the story with no major errors, adequately answered the question using 4 details, and addresses the task and is mostly clear and organized.

1 Point

Paragraph demonstrates a partial understanding of the story – there may be errors and does not give adequate answer or it is confusing – few or no details from the story.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete